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### MANGANUI BRIDGE.

Forty settlers of Waitui, Kaimata and Bristol roads petitioned the Board, and asked that the Board publicly open the bridge across the Manganui river on the Bristol road at a date to be decided upon.

The Board had notified the petitioners that the bridge would be officially opened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 1912, and that Messrs. Trimble, Corkill, Collingwood and R. T. Williams had been appointed to confer with a committee of the settlers interested.

Mr. J. B. Hine, M.P., also wrote accepting the Board's invitation to be present at the official opening.

Messrs. Boldt and Capper waited on the Board and submitted resolutions passed at the settlers' meeting on the previous evening. They asked the Board for some financial assistance towards the opening ceremony.

Members of the Board, whilst recognising the pluck of the settlers in that small district in undertaking the erection of such a magnificent structure, were not clear as to how far they could assist, particularly as so many roads required metal. The question was held over till after the ceremony. The Board, however, decided to advertise the opening ceremony, issue the invitations, and supply the necessary scissors and ribbon. The committee appointed will attend to other details.